IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

The Application of:

Gross et. al.

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Word Checking Tool for Word Processing

Applications & Other Systems

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE FILED IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the present filing of a request for continuing examination application, Applicants submit the following amendment and response. A petition and fee for a 2 month extension of time to respond is also included herewith.:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following for the pending claims (claims 1 – 90):

1. (Amended) An article of manufacture comprising:

an electronic dictionary including a set of words and a plurality of associated status fields
for said set of words, each status field identifying an appropriateness rating for a
corresponding audience for individual words in said set of words, such that an individual
word can have a plurality of corresponding appropriateness ratings;

a word checking routine executable by a computing device and for checking whether words in text of an unpublished electronic document should be included in a communication to a

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